

**A RESOLUTION PROMOTING THE STATES AND TERRITORIES  
PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT  
(continued)**

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**WHEREAS**, the National Environmental Policy Act was enacted by Congress originally in 1969;

**WHEREAS**, the purposes of the Act are: to declare a national policy which will encourage productive and enjoyable harmony between man and his environment; to promote efforts which will prevent or eliminate damage to the environment and biosphere; to stimulate the health and welfare of man; to enrich the understanding of the ecological systems and natural resources important to the Nation; \*

**WHEREAS**, Congress recognizes and declares the continuing policy of the Federal Government in cooperation with states, territories, and local governments to coordinate and/or consult with states;

**WHEREAS**, many states and territories have been delegated authority by the federal government and share legal jurisdiction in many environmental areas;

**WHEREAS**, the National Environmental Policy Act uses all practicable means to foster and promote the general welfare to maintain conditions under which man and nature can exist in productive harmony and fulfill the social, economic and other requirements of present and future generations of Americans;

**WHEREAS**, states and territories shall aggressively pursue equal partnerships with federal agencies when developing National Environmental Policy Act documents.

**THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS HEREBY  
RESOLVES:**

To assertively promote participation in the National Environmental Policy Act process;

To support state and federal legislation assuring the joint lead or cooperative agency status of states and territories;

To support and encourage federal agencies to coordinate the National Environmental Policy Act participation with similar state and territory processes that are in existence;

To transmit this resolution to the President of the United States, Congressional delegation, state and territory legislative bodies, the Council on Environmental Quality, the Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, the House Resources Committee, House Commerce, and House Transportation and Infrastructure Committees.